

# Rotary



# Bulletin for Gloucester

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## Coming Meetings and other Functions.

<b>MAY BOWEL SCAN MONTH</b>	<b>BOWEL SCAN SELLING MONTH</b> Outside the Pharmacy. Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> till Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> or until sold. 250 Kits @ \$15 each.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Fellowship Night followed by Board Meeting
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>The High School Challenge at Taree Race Course.</b> 8am for workers. 9am start. John Walton and S&E committee require 3 Rotarians from each club to run the day. We need to advise John by Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May.
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May Partner's Night 6 for 6.30pm</b>	<b>"High School Debate" Night</b> . Rotary Team vs High School Team. Please email attendance for catering purposes. Cost \$20 pp . Students – no charge
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May Partners &amp; Guests welcome 6 for 6.30pm</b>	<b>"Transition To Retirement" Seminar</b> at the Bowling Club. Pre-Booking is Essential (Tickets on sale from Bowe and Lidbury) Cost \$25.00pp includes Dinner and Seminar. <i>**Also on our Rotary website under upcoming Event**</i>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Clearance Sale held by Rotarian, Geoff Slack. Venue at "Berrico" . BBQ helpers needed. Please see John Faull if you can help.
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	"Unsung Hero" Award presentation and Ida's last Rotary night
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Community Markets BBQ – See John Faull if you can help
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Fellowship Night followed by Joint Board Meeting of both incoming and outgoing Boards
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Wingham Rotary Club Changeover at RSL/Services Club Wingham
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>District 9650 Changeover - Maurie Stack to Ian Jackson</b> Venue: Rear of Exchange Hotel "Waterfront Room" Taree
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Partners Night</b>	Gloucester Rotary Club Changeover Dinner. Sharee to Ash
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Possible Christmas in July at Stroud Public School with Dungog Rotary

## Directors Reports & others:

(Notes from Ray Martin)

Meeting opened with **Peter Markey** welcoming the Legacy representatives Dr Bill Hunter, Rob Tully, Alan Vale [past president of Gloucester Rotary], John Woodford, Bob Hewitt and our members who were wearing “two hats’ for the night, Simon Griffin and Grahame Holstein. Peter also welcomed our guest speaker Victoria Saunders

**Brian Beesley** gave an update on the “Transition to Retirement” expo. Bees advised that there had been some changes to the program and the Bulletin will no longer refer to Brian’s original idea of having the general public attending between noon and 4pm on Tuesday 31 May. The “new” program is that all members and the public pay \$25 a head for the evening. There will now be a general fellowship time commencing 5-30pm to the start of the dinner meeting at 6-30pm when people may chat to the speakers. During the evening there will be a series of speakers who have been asked to only talk for 5 – 7 minutes each. Bees want to limit the number of persons attending to 100 as that is the maximum for the room.

**President Sharee** reported that:-

(i) the “High School Debate” night was set for 24<sup>th</sup> May with the Gloucester Rotary team now comprising Geoff Slack, Ray Martin and Peter Markey

(ii) with the passing of Don, the Board has appointed Ray Martin to complete Don’s term as secretary.

**Ida Sevon** our YEP student gave a brief talk about her last 11 months in Gloucester for the benefit of the Legacy representatives. Ida now in Year 12

**Ashleigh** advised that:-

(i) there would be a fellowship evening [no guest speaker] before the *Combined Board Meeting* on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

(ii) the bowel scan kit sales are doing well. Down to the final box of 125 kits

(iii) she is arranging a “Meet the Candidates Night” for those standing for the next Federal elections. Ash is suggesting 9<sup>th</sup> June or 16<sup>th</sup> June to the candidates and waiting to see if all of them can come to the Bowling Club on either of those dates. Ash to give a further update soon as she departs on 17<sup>th</sup> May for her trip to Bangkok then Baltic, Scandanavia and Russian regions before returning home on 7<sup>th</sup> June

**John Read** gave an update on the “Unsung Hero Award” evening (7 June). There have been five nominations. The club’s committee of Ray Martin, Brian Dixon and Li Meng Wong will decide the winner in the near future.

**Sam de Witte** advised that Wingham Rotary Club has a charity ride this weekend. The motorbike riders will need tea & coffee from 9am to 9-30am this Sunday at the grandstand at No. 1 oval. Sam will chase up a couple of members to help out on Sunday. The Wingham Rotary Club will bring the food tea and coffee. They need help with setting up urns at the power sites under the grandstand etc...



**Dr Bill Hunter, Legacy Taree** gave an introduction to the Gloucester Rotarians about the history of Legacy and its current role: \_

(i) At the end of World War 1, the Australian workforce population fell by 13% due to the deaths of over 100,000 men killed at war and the injuries sustained by many others. There were no men returning to family farms, no man in the house to earn a wage for his wife and children and at that time, no real pensions available. In 1923, a group of returned servicemen decided to do something about helping the widows and children of their deceased mates.

(ii) Legacy started out an individual group in the towns and cities. It was not until very recent times that the individual Legacy clubs joined together to form one united group called Legacy Australia

(iii) Legacy helps the 'wards' [children of deceased servicemen] with costs such as surgery expenses for the widows and children, education expenses & taking children to holiday camps at Narrabeen and elsewhere

(iv) Currently there are now 90,000 widows of service persons in Australia  
There are 2,000 children receiving help from Legacy arising out of conflicts in Iraq, Afganistan and elsewhere

(v) Currently there are 40 widows in Gloucester and 1 child in receipt of Legacy assistance

To find out more about Taree Legacy, go to their website - <http://www.legacy.com.au/taree/TareeLegacy>

**Victoria Saunders** is a legatee. She is aged 22 years and has only four months to go before completing her degree in criminology from the University of New England, Armidale. Her father was in the army. He died when she was in Year 12. Legacy representatives came to her home and the help commenced with the gift of a laptop computer for uni studies, subsidised funding for her accommodation at uni and Dr Bill Hunter is the man who said to her at age 18 years, "*Anything you wanted to tell your dad, let me be your ear*"



Victoria is one of 90 young people being flown to Pozieres for the upcoming memorial event [for the battle 23 July 1916 to 8 Sept 1916 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Pozi%C3%A8res](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Pozi%C3%A8res)]. She and the other young people will be mixing with the local population to learn about the effects of such a major battle for those town's people. She has also studied about Australia's first Victoria Cross awarded in WWI to Captain Albert Jacka at Pozieres <https://www.awm.gov.au/people/P10675894/> He was promoted to captain in 1918

It was a very interesting presentation by Victoria who obviously owes a lot to the help given to her by Legacy

Footnote: below is the citation for the Victoria Cross

*Citation:*

*For most conspicuous bravery on the night of the 19-20th May, 1915, at Courtney's Post, Gallipoli Peninsula. Lance Corporal Jacka, while holding a portion of our trench with four men, was heavily attacked. When all except himself were killed or wounded, the trench was rushed and occupied by seven Turks. Lance Corporal Jacka at once most gallantly attacked them single-handed and killed the whole party, five by rifle fire and two with the bayonet.*



Albert Jacka at Anzac Sports Day 1919  
(Courtesy of 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF Jacka's Mob Facebook page)

## Ida Sevon's Farewell Presentation : Safari Tour Down Under



Ida has travelled 8375km on the Safari Tour. She has collected more pins to go onto her jacket. Her aim is to collect that many pins that she cannot close her jacket.



Ida left Gloucester to go onto her Safari Tour on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March and started her 21 day journey around Australia. Her first stop was at Port Macquarie. She got to look at stones with paintings on them. She had previously went there with Vicki Coombes and got to cuddle a koala. The koala was not as fluffy and soft as she thought it would be!!

Next stop was at Byron Bay and she got a few tattoos there. Then they drove to Coolangatta and she had a pizza there, her very first Australia pizza.... Meat lovers and tons of onions... Yummmm



Then the students were driven to the Dream World and Ida went on as many rides as she could. The scariest ride was the Tower of Terror Two. I think it would be advisable not to have a big lunch before that ride! They also had entry to the Waterworld but somehow, some of the students could not get in so they spend more time at the Dream World. Ida's favourite ride was called 'The Claw'.



Next stop was the Whitehaven Beach. Ida had her very first diving lesson there. She did not really like the diving experience but she love the snorkelling part. They were also given a little tour in the rainforest at the Cathedral Fig Tree Feature Protective Area. Inside the rainforest was a fresh water lake and there, the students went swimming. There was also a waterfall in the rainforest and Ida went swimming through the waterfall. One of the student got a bit too adventurous and had a little accident at the waterhole!! Fortunately, he was lucky to walk away with some injuries but with his head still connected to his body!! Ooops...

Next, they flew to Alice Springs where Ida met her friend from Melbourne where she hasn't seen in a year. She also got up with a few of her other friends. She got up close and personal with some of the locals at the Reptile Centre... There were lizards and a python decided it was a good idea to sit on the students heads!!



Next, she got to experience the Aboriginal culture... Somehow, our Ida did not quite taste the authentic Wiggidity grub... I don't blame her! She also got to throw a Boomerang and she came in second!!



Then they travel to Kings Canyon, then to Uluru where she met more Finnish people and they swap their pins collection.

On their way to Adelaide, they stopped at a salt lake and visited an Old Airforce site. In between travelling, taking pictures, swimming and eating, the girls also had time to braid each other's hair...

They also visited the 12 Apostles in Victoria. They drove on the Great Ocean Road towards Melbourne. After that, she visited Canberra and saw the Parliament House. She learnt that a Finnish people came in second designing it. That made the experience even more personal for Ida. Then she went to the Museum in Canberra.



After that, Ida made her way back home. It has been an amazing experience for Ida. She enjoyed meeting so many people. It was worth getting up at 5.30am every morning and hitting the road an hour later. She got to see so much of Australia and learning about the culture...



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# Laughter

*always the best medicine*

Due to a power outage, only one paramedic responded to the call of a mother in labour. The house was very dark so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a three-year-old toddler, to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Very diligently, Kathleen did as she was asked. Mommy pushed and pushed and, after a little while, baby Connor was born. The Paramedic lifted him by his little feet and spanked him on his bottom. Connor began to cry. The paramedic then thanked Kathleen for her help and asked the wide-eyed girl what she thought about what she had just witnessed. Kathleen quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place..... smack his bottom again!"





## The Great Debate. 24May 2016



**Venue:** Gloucester Bowling Club 6 for 6:30 pm

**Cost:** Dinner tickets cost \$20 per person with surplus to SRC (Students Free)

**Teams:** Gloucester Rotary and The Gloucester High School.

**Raison d'être:** To support the fundraising of the Students Representative Council.

**Topic:** "That students be allowed to access the internet during the HSC examinations"

**Team Make-up:** Teams of 4 including one student allocated to each team:

**Rotary Team:** 3 Rotary Members + Student.

**GHS Team:** 3 Teachers + 1 student

**Rules: General-** Speakers may be serious, flippant, sarcastic and do what it takes to gain audience support (no rudeness or inappropriate behaviour!) The more you engage the audience the more they will support your team and vote for you to win.

- 1.Teams to prepare both side of the topic.
- 2.Each speaker has 2 minutes.
- 3.Teams to draw their side on the night. (Coin toss)
- 4.First speaker Affirmative to speak immediately after the draw (2 Min)
5. First speaker Opposition to follow on.
6. Dinner (Bribe ticket sales)
7. Second speaker both teams
8. Dessert (Second round of Bribe ticket sales)
- 9.Third Speaker both teams
10. Coffee (Final Bribe ticket sales)
- 11.Final Speaker
12. Voting; decision; Financial amount raised and presentation

**Voting Method:** There are two types of voting ticket.

Ticket one is allocated as an entry ticket and represents the democratic decision vote.

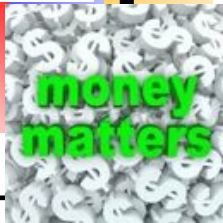
Ticket two is able to be purchased and represents the "bribe" vote. (2 tickets per \$1)

All funds from the night to go to the SRC.

**Parents and guests please book in by phoning Ray Martins Office 65582200**



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# Transition to Retirement Seminar

**ONE EVENING ONLY**

*Everything you wanted to know about Retirement yet still enjoying your lifestyle.*

We work hard all our lives to look after our families. This seminar will help you and your family plan for the time when you want to retire .

It's best if you bring your Partner.

Just starting out in life or business then this is for you now.

Want to exit your business? Be there!



**6.00 for 6.30 Dinner Tuesday 31st May**  
**Bowling Club Function Room.**

**Professional representatives to speak on:**

- How much money do I need to retire? (The BIG question)
- How do I plan for my retirement? (Getting it all set up)
- Planning a Will to look after my family? (Looking after the kids)
- How do I prepare mentally to retire? (Not driving my partner mad!!)

**Pre-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL:**  
Tickets from Bowe and Lidbury

**\$25 Includes Dinner and seminar**

Speakers will include Financial Advisers, Medical and Accountancy. Both local and from away.

You need to book ...

Presenters will be available from 5.30pm for an informal chat before dinner.

Any questions ... Brian Beesley (Gloucester Rotary 0419634275)





## May Birthday Celebrations



Lynn Slack 4<sup>th</sup> , Jan Tresidder 8<sup>th</sup> , Hildegard Griffin 16<sup>th</sup> ,  
Doug Barron 14<sup>th</sup> , Heather Beesley 23<sup>rd</sup>



**Geoff & Lyn Slack 3<sup>rd</sup> ,**

**Liane & Peter Markey 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

**Please if you do not have time to set up please let one of your team know.**

May	Bruce Montgomerie, John Read, Li Meng Wong
June	Karen Miles, Young Rustandi, Grahame Holstein
July	Sam de Witte, Wayne Salvestro, Jane Deen
August	Vicki Collett, Chris Pritchard, Pete Markey,
September	Ashleigh Hickman, Grahame Stelzer, Geoff Slack
October	Denver Webb, John Faull, Brian Beesley
November	Brian Dixon, Sharee and Ernie Abeysekera
December	Terry Carson, Ashleigh Hickman, Donnelle Walker



### Four Way Test

Of all the things we say and do:  
Is it the truth?  
Is it fair to all concerned?  
Will it build goodwill and friendship?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

<b>Gloucester Rotary Club Executives</b>			
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